



Victims and Prisoners Bill

Written Evidence Submitted to Public Bill Committee

Keep Prisons Single Sex campaigns for the importance of sex registered at birth to the provision of services throughout the criminal justice system, to data collection on offending, and to risk assessment and safeguarding.

This submission addresses the importance of sex registered at birth to the provision of services to victims.

s.2(3)(b): victims of crime (including but not limited to rape, sexual assault and abuse, domestic violence and all child victims of crime) accessing services, including specialist services, must be able to choose the sex registered at birth of the individual or individuals providing those services. Services may include (but are not limited to) interview, forensic examination and support services. Allowing victims to choose the “gender”, “gender identity” or “acquired gender” of the individual providing the service shall not be substituted in place of allowing victims to make the choice on the basis of the individual’s sex registered at birth. Possession of a gender recognition certificate, in accordance with the provisions of the Gender Recognition Act 2004, by the individual providing the service shall be irrelevant to the choice the victim is permitted to make.

Criminal justice bodies, relevant authorities for a police area, local authorities and relevant victim support services (as listed in s.12) shall understand, accept and facilitate this non-negotiable importance of sex registered at birth.

Inspections as set out in s.17 - s.21 shall include the ability of victims to choose services on the basis of the sex registered at birth of the individual providing them as an outcome and shall report on this.

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